Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Apr 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022 at 03:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally settled weather for the forecast period with high pressure over northern UK but cloud amounts remain tricky to forecast.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Apr 2022: A cloudy start with some light snow showers in the east, cloud thinning with some bright spells later.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Dull	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
40%	20%	10%	10%	10%	10%

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Weather: At dawn it will be quite dull with a lot of cloud, this thick enough to produce a few snow flurries above 700m, likely to be drizzle below this height but this will slowly lift and thin with some bright spells by late morning. Some areas may see the cloud breaking quite nicely to give a bright or sunny day but cloud will be more persistent for other ranges which have more exposure to the northerly winds, for instance the Loch Muick summits and around Glenshee, summits will clear but cloud may not break very easily.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% improving to 85%, a lot of low cloud in the early morning will lift and thin during the day.

Low Cloud and visibility: At dawn cloud bases will be scattered or broken above 600m, perhaps more scattered at 700m further south and west of the area towards Loch Tay and Glen Lyon. Cloud will lift and clear with just patches of lower cloud around the Aberdeenshire hills above 700m in the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	18/21 NE	15/19 N	12/17 NE	10/14 NE	10/14 NE	9/13 E	7/10 E
900	13/16 NE	13/17 N	11/16 NE	9/14 NE	9/14 NE	9/12 E	6/9 E
600	8/12 NE	10/15 N	9/15 NE	8/14 NE	8/13 NE	6/11 E	3/6 E
300	6/12 N	8/14 N	8/14 NE	6/12 NE	7/13 NE	3/8 NE	3/6 NE
Glen	8/14 NE	8/14 NE	8/14 NE	8/15 NE	8/14 NE	5/11 NE	3/6 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-1/-8	-2/-8	-1/-6	0/-4	-0/-5	-2/-7	-3/-7
900	1/-4	0/-5	2/-3	2/-1	2/-2	-0/-5	-1/-5
600	2/-1	3/-1	4/1	5/2	4/1	2/-1	0/-1
300	5/3	6/3	8/6	8/7	7/5	4/3	2/1
Glen	6/3	6/4	9/7	9/7	8/6	4/3	2/1
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	900m	900m	800m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Notice the lowering of freezing level allowing some light snowfall around munro summits and also the freezing of remaining snow pack on the higher munros like Lochnagar, leading to potentially icy conditions. A significant windchill will be experienced at height and it may be deceptively warm in the sunshine at lower levels.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Apr 2022

Weather: A very cold start to the day but generally a very settled day with light winds. Bright or sunny spells are expected but it may be a cloudy start particularly around in the east.

Maximum wind: Mainly northerly 5-10 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60 rising to 90%, early low cloud is likely to lift and clear away.

Low Cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud from 700m initially will lift and become patchy, perhaps just patches of cloud around 800m in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero rising to Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 rising to Plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 500m rising to 1100m later.

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